

**AN ORDINANCE BY
PUBLIC SAFETY AND LEGAL ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 162, ARTICLE II, DIVISION 1, SECTION 162-33 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA ("CITY"), GEORGIA, ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF POLICE, BUREAU OF TAXICABS AND VEHICLES FOR HIRE ("DEPARTMENT"), FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCREASING THE FEES THE CITY ASSESSES TAXICAB DRIVERS AND TAXICAB COMPANIES IN ORDER TO OFF-SET THE FUNDING THAT'S PROVIDED BY THE CITY TO SUBSIDIZED THE DEPARTMENT'S OPERATING BUDGET; TO CREATE A TAXICAB RE-INSPECTION FEE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Chapter 162, Article II, Division I, Section 162-33 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta, Georgia sets forth the schedule of fees the City assesses Taxicab Drivers and Taxicab Companies in order to operate within the jurisdiction of the City; and

WHEREAS, the fees set forth in Chapter 162, Article II, Division I, Section 162-33 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta, Georgia have not been increased since 1981; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to increase the fees assessed to taxicab drivers and taxicab companies in order to off-set the funding that's provided by the City to subsidize the Department's operating budget; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Finance, Office of Budget & Fiscal Policy (OBFP) analysis of the Departments' fee revenue for the year 2004 showed total revenue in the amount of \$436,459.00, however, the Departments total operating budget was \$800,290.00 of which \$363,831.00 was subsidized from the City's 2004 General Fund; and

WHEREAS, OBFP's analysis of the Departments' fee revenue for the year 2005 showed total revenue in the amount of \$329,288.00, however, the Departments total operating budget was \$769,647.00 of which \$440,359.00 was subsidized from the City's 2005 General Fund; and

WHEREAS, OBFP's analysis further revealed that the City does not assess a re-inspection fee for vehicles for hire that fail inspections, and as a result vehicle for hire user companies can have unlimited re-inspections without paying an additional fee resulting in significant cost to the City.

Section 2: That Chapter 162, Article II, Division 1, Section 162-33 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta, be amended, such that:

(1) A new Section 162-33 (19) shall be added that shall read as follows:

“(19) Re-Inspection Fee, \$25.00.”

Section 3: That all existing ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance shall be waived to the extent of the conflict.

TRANSMITTAL FORM FOR LEGISLATION

TO: MAYOR'S OFFICE

ATTN: GREG PRIDGEON

Legislative Counsel (Signature): Terry Davidson - Terry Grandison

Contact

Number: 6946

Originating Department: Finance [Signature]

Committee(s) of Purview Public Safety and Legal Administration

Council

Deadline: 8/14/06

Committee Meeting Date(s): 8/29 -8/30 Full Council Date: 9/5/06

Commissioner Signature _____

CAPTION

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FINANCIAL IMPACT (if any): No Matching Grant Funds Required

Mayor's Staff Only

Received by Mayor's Office: 8.15.06 [Signature] Reviewed by: _____
(date) (date)

Submitted to Council: _____
(date)